(e.) the training of Judicial Ofiicers.

(f) the role of the legal profession lengthening the system of adminis tration of justice.

(g) the desirability of formulation of the norms which the Government the Public Sector Undertakings should follow in the settlement of disputes including a review of the present system for conduct of litigation on behalf of the Government and such undertakings .

(h) the cost of litigation with a view to lessening the burden on the litigants.,

(i) formation of All India Judicial Service; and

(j) such other matters as the Cora-ion considers proper or necessary for the purposes aforesaid Or as may referred to it from time to time by the Govenment.

.Setting up of delimitation eoiiimission

891. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWA MY; Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to de limit the Lok Sabha and Assembly Con stituencies based on the latest census; and

(b) if so, whether a delimitation com-mission will be set up for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The proposal for fresh delimitation of constituencies is under the consideration of Government as part of the proposals for electoral reforms. No final decision has been taken yet. The Government's view is that these proposals should first be discussed with the political parties. These discussions have not yet taken plate.

Transfer of High Court Judges

892. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWA MY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Chairman of the Law Commission has said that the transfer of High Court Judges is being done by the Government with punitive, intention; and

(b) if so, whether Government have reviewed its approach to the overall pro blem of transfers?

' THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ); (a) The Government have seen a press report in this regard that transfers of Judges are selective.

(b) The Government have accepted the policy of having 113rd of Judges from out side in each High Court and to implement this decision by transfer as well as by in itial appointment. Beginning in this direc tion has been made by adopting the policy of having Chief Justices in the High Courts from outside. Transfer and ap pointments of Chief Justices are being made pursuant to this policy. A few transfers of puisne Judges and initial ap pointments to outside High Courts nave also been made. Consultation with the Chief Justice of India is done in every case.

Gas based power Plants

893. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN RE-DDY; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to the UrwtBr-red Question *16* given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th April, 1987 and state;

(a) whether there is any proposal to install some more gas based plants by NTPC;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has since been cleared by Government and the World Bank;

(c) what is the number of gas baaed power plants which are proposed to be installed and their locations; and

(d) the names of the companies to which contracts for setting up the power plants are proposed to be given?

THE MINUTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The installation of more gas based power plants by the NTPC would depend on the liability of gas on a sustained basis. specific proposals in this regard would be considered after- sustained availability of gas bas been established.

Improving State Electricity Boards

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN;
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA;

will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the national average 'power load factor' (PLF) of State Electricity Boards and what is the PLF for each ode of those SEBs where it is below the national average; and

(b) what special stps for modernisa-iionrenovation and improvement of the SEBs have been taken in the last 3 years and with what results and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI); (a) The All India average Plan Load factor (PLF) , of Thermal Power Stations during 1986-87 was 53.2 per cent. Details of Slate Electricity Boards whose PUP during 1986-87 was Iess than the national average are given in the enclosed Statement-I. *(See* below).

(b) Apart from the assistance being provided to the State Electricity Boards for' improving performance of Thermal Stations in matters such as training of power sector personnel, procuring spare parts from foreign and indigenous sour-supply of requisite quality and. quan tity of coal, a Centrally spoo Re novation and Modernisation scheme is being immplemcnted at 33 Thermal Sta i iuding the States where the Plant id Factor i, below the natioal average. The details of the total sanctioned cost of i schemes and ,the total expenditure incurred till now in the States where the during 1986-87 was below the na tal average is given in Statemeni-ll. below) lt is not practicable to iden tify increase in PLF on account of indivi dual measures being taken on a continuous basis. the improvement in Plan Load Factor on account of the implementation of the R&M programme can only be as-,! after its cmpletion.

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Beards/Unde:takings	P.L.F.(%)
HSEB	33·8
UPSEB	40·8
MSEB	50.7
KPC	45·6
BSEB	33.3
OSEB	31·7
WBSEB	4 .2
DPL	29·7
ASEB	18.5
National average:	53.2